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FLUID DIAGNOSTIC SCREEN

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action, mailed on May 31, 2002, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement. In connection therewith, the Examiner asserted that the application claimed the following inventions: Group I corresponds to claims 1 and 2, drawn to a method for screening intraductal breast fluid, classified in class 435, subclass 6. Group II corresponds to claims 3-15, drawn to a screening device, classified in class 604, subclass 35. Group III corresponds to claims 16-21, drawn to a screening device, classified in class 604, subclass 67. Group IV corresponds to claims 22 and 23, drawn to an aspiration device, classified in class 604, subclass 67. Group V corresponds to claims 24-27, drawn to a method for increasing breast intraductal fluid, classified in class 435, subclass 4. Group VI corresponds to claims 28-32, drawn to a method for enhancing transport of intraductal indicum, classified in class 424, subclass 537. Group VII corresponds to claims 33-35 and 40, drawn to a method for screening for breast cancer, classified in class 435, subclass 7.23. Group VIII corresponds to claims 36-39, drawn to a method for introducing a therapeutic species into a breast duct, classified in class 604, subclass 514.

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Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group VII corresponding to claims 33-35 and 40, drawn to a method for screening for breast cancer, without prejudice.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if it is desirable to discuss any issues raised in this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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